

Concrete Pavement:

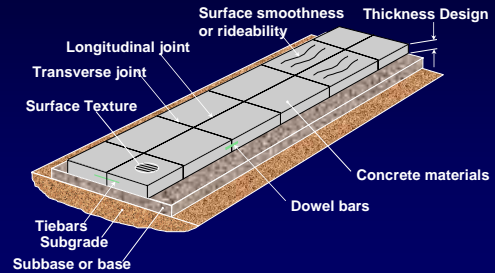
What Are the Basics of a Good Road?

Purdue Road School

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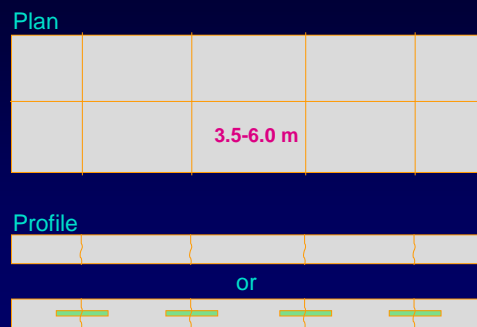
Basic Components of a Concrete Pavement



Concrete Pavement Types

- Jointed Plain
 - Undoweled
 - Doweled
- Jointed Reinforced
- Continuously Reinforced

Jointed Plain



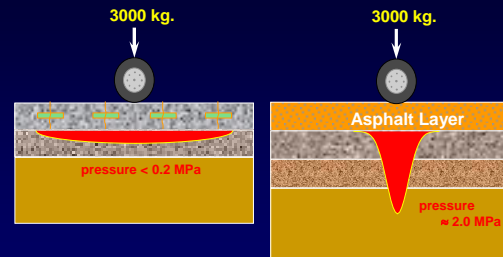
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How Pavements Carry Loads

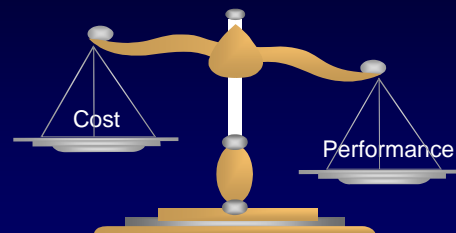


Concrete's Rigidness spreads the load over a large area and keeps pressures on the subgrade low.

Concrete Pavement Design Requires Selecting Appropriate Features

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage system | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Sealant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subbase | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Spacing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot pour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 ft | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silicone |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 ft | <input type="checkbox"/> Preformed |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dowels | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Texture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness | <input type="checkbox"/> Transverse time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 in | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burlap drag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 in | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoulder |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 in | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete |

Optimize



Durability = Performance

- Quality Materials
 - Aggregate – AP Approved, uniform gradation
 - Minimum Cement Content
 - Approved Admixtures
- Proper Mix Design – Control to Design
- Moisture/Water Control
- Air Entrainment – $6\% \pm 1.5\%$
- Proper Curing – Liquid membrane applied @ manufacturer's suggested rate

Subbase vs. NO Subbase

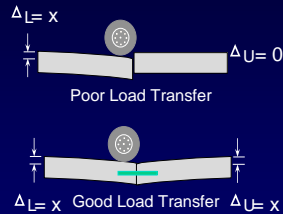
- Heavy Traffic?? > 120 Trucks/day = subbase
- Fine grain soils prone to erosion
- Presence of moisture/water
 - Potential pumping

Presence of all above conditions suggests need for subbase

Dowels or NO Dowels

- The slabs ability to share its load with its neighboring slab

- Dowels
 - High Traffic Volumes
(Pavements > 8 in.)
- Aggregate Interlock
 - Low Traffic Volumes
(Pavements < 7 in.)



Jointing

- Spacing based on thickness
 - 6" thick – 12' joint spacing
 - > 12" thick – 18' joint spacing
- > 12" thick - saw 1/3 the depth
- If not specifying dowels – can skew joints 1' in 12' across pavement
- High volume traffic – seal joints with silicone or neoprene
- Low volume traffic – seal joints with hot pour rubberized asphalt

Overlay vs. Reconstruct

- Expected Performance
 - UTW (3" – 5") – 10 to 15 years
 - Thicker overlays (6" – 12") 15 to 25 years
 - Reconstruction – 25 to 30 years
- Condition of existing pavement
- Clearance issues – if none can build on top of old PCCP or HMA pavement

I-69 UNBONDED PCC OVERLAY

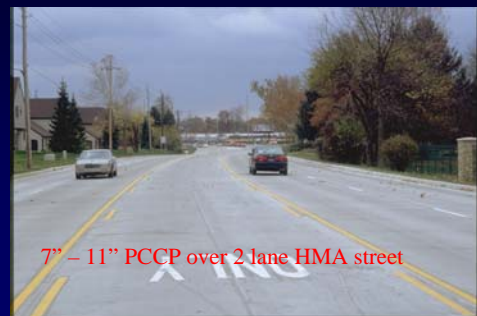


11" PCCP over old Concrete Pavement



9" PCCP over old Chip & seal road

Allisonville Road



7" – 11" PCCP over 2-lane HMA street

56th Street Brownsburg



Market & Columbia Streets - Warsaw



Summary

YOU HAVE OPTIONS

Select appropriate design features that
optimize cost to achieve desired
performance

Questions?